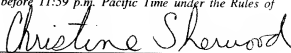


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Docket No. : 56717/B884  
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## SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On October 7, 2008, a telephonic interview was conducted between Examiner Mary Hoffman and Mark Garcia.

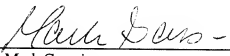
During the interview claim 1 was discussed as well as German Patent DE 298 10 798. The pending claims, the advantages of the invention, and the arguments filed October 3, 2008 were discussed. The Examiner was pointed to paragraphs 6, 13, 22, and 41 of the PGPUB of the application, which shows that the reduced profile of the threading, i.e. the fewer number of turns of the threading, has advantages over the prior art. The Examiner indicated that she would consider the argument that the fewer number of turns is not an obvious difference when responding to Applicant's formal response. The Examiner also indicated that she will further consider the arguments regarding the right-side of the German patent not being illustrated. The

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Examiner also indicated that she would consult with her supervisor regarding both of those issues.

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Hoffman for the time and attention devoted to the interview.

Respectfully submitted,  
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